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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Science
and Technology

SUBJECT : Exploitation of Sovbloc Scientific
and Technical Literature

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval in paragraph 5.

2. Effective 1 July 1969, the Air Force will discontinue its program for abstracting Soviet, East European and Communist Chinese scientific literature, with the intention of relying on academic and commercial coverage of these source materials. In the combined CIA-Air Force abstract program, Air Force has been providing approximately 70 percent of the abstracts.

3. In order to assess the impact on the Agency's needs for scientific and technical information from this source, we surveyed appropriate components in the Agency. The principal components affected are the Office of Scientific Intelligence and the Office of Research and Development. Comments from these Offices have indicated that the loss of such coverage would have a serious, adverse impact on their programs and [REDACTED] should take up the burden of providing many of these abstracts. (See attached memorandum from Director, OSI)

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4. In order to fulfill the Agency requirements for scientific and technical abstracts the following options were investigated:

a. Consumers could enter their own subscriptions to the commercial abstract services. This however would not meet the timeliness requirements of OSI. Average lag time for commercially produced abstracts is 9 months.

b. The Agency could contract with ATD to continue to produce and publish the abstracts it needs. This would be vastly more expensive than having [REDACTED] produce the abstracts. It is estimated that ATD abstracting program costs about \$1,000,000 a year.

c. [REDACTED] could undertake to provide the abstracts required by using [REDACTED] for the production of the abstracts. This approach would require contractual funds [REDACTED]

5. I recommend that you approve an increase of [REDACTED] in FY 1970 contractual funds [REDACTED] so that they may produce those scientific and technical abstracts which the Air Force is discontinuing, but the Agency still needs.

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Attachment: a/s

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The recommendation in paragraph 5 is approved.

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